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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

Signing of PL-480 Agreement
with Egypt

Secretary Simon is scheduled to sign the new agreement to provide Egypt with 500,000 tons of wheat in Cairo on Saturday at about 8:00 - 8:15 p.m. local time (12:00 - 12:15 p.m. EST; 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Illinois time). The Embassy in Cairo has been asked to send us by IMMEDIATE telegram notification that the signing has in fact occurred.

NSC has provided some talking points (TAB A) that you might want to use in Illinois. If you decide to use them, we will pass them on to the speechwriters.

Jim Connor



cc to speechwriters



TALKING POINTS

Signing of PL-480 Agreement with Egypt

1. Our foreign policy supports the enormously productive American agricultural sector through the PL-480 program, which promotes sales of US farm products to developing countries by extending credit terms which encourage those countries to buy from us.
2. For example, today (11:00 a.m. CST, March 6) Secretary Simon is signing an agreement with Egypt for sales of 500,000 tons of American wheat and wheat flour worth roughly \$76.2 million under the PL-480 program. Not only will this agreement support foreign policies of critical importance to this country, but it will help wheat farmers in the United States realize a full and adequate return for their labor.



Not Sent

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

Presidential Determination for an Increase
in PL-480 Program for Egypt

When you signed the Presidential Determination for PL-480 Program for Egypt earlier this week, you asked the following question:

"When will this be relased publicly?"

NSC advises us that Bill Simon has been authorized to sign the PL-480 agreement with the Egyptians. The signing is scheduled for March 6, 1976.

The normal procedure for public release following the signing in country of a PL-480 agreement is for the Embassy to send an immediate cable following the signing. The Department of Agriculture issues a press release by 3 p.m. on the day following the signing. If you wish to alter the routine schedule for public release on this item, we still have sufficient lead time to make those arrangements, since Secretary Simon will not sign until Saturday. Embassy Cairo has been instructed to forward the signing cable to the White House as well as to USDA in this case.

Do you wish any change in the routine schedule for public release on this item?

Yes _____

No _____

James E. Connor



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR
SUBJECT: Presidential Determination for
an Increase in the PL-480 for
Egypt

Your memorandum of March 1, 1976 on the attached subject was returned with the following notation:

"When will this be released publicly?"

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1976

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached memorandum on PL 480 Program for Egypt was staffed to Messrs. Buchen, Marsh, Friedersdorf and Seidman. They all concur in Brent Scowcroft's recommendation that you sign the attached Determination.

Jim Connor

When will this be released publicly?

